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TO SALVAGE MY HONOR!

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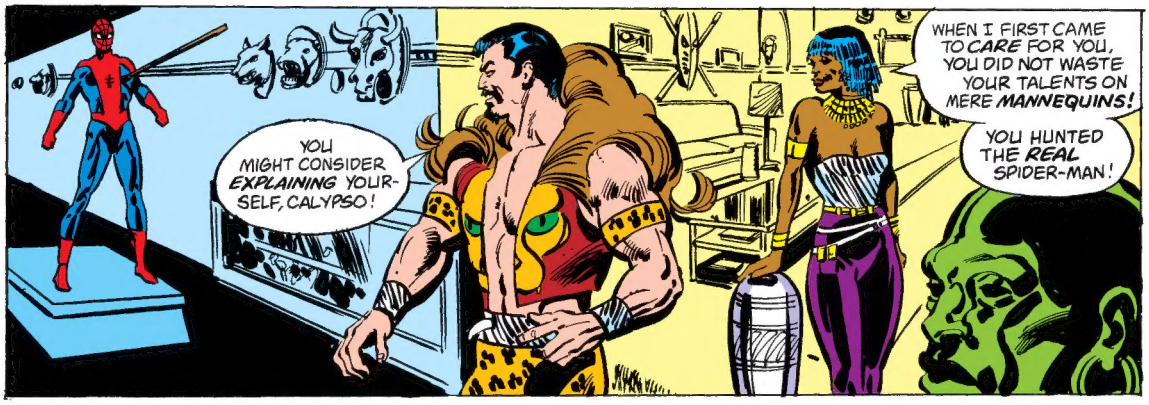
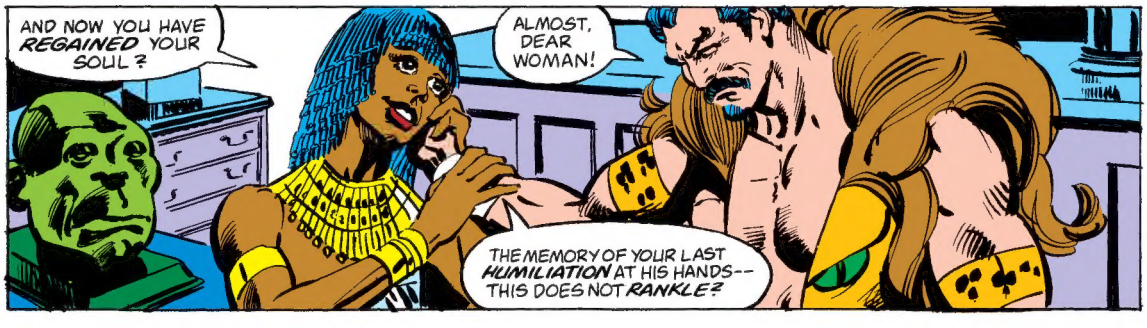
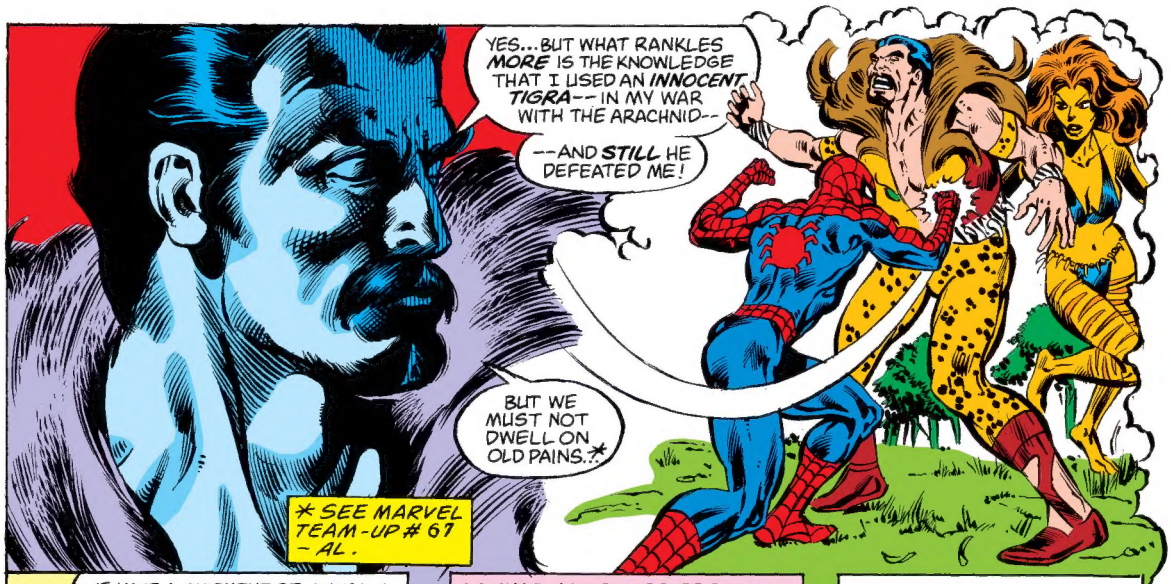

YOU MIGHT CONSIDER EXPLAINING YOURSELF, CALYPSO!
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO CARE FOR YOU, YOU DID NOT WASTE YOUR TALENTS ON MERE MANNEQUINS!
YOU HUNTED THE REAL SPIDER-MAN!

OF COURSE I REALIZE YOU ARE NO LONGER SO YOUNG--
MY YEARS ARE OF NO MATTER!
I ABANDONED THE PURSUIT OF MY OLD ENEMY FOR ANOTHER, DEEPER REASON--!

I BECAME SO OBSESSED WITH DEFEATING HIM, THAT I WAS WILLING TO USE ANY METHOD!
I LIED... I CHEATED-- I BEHAVED LIKE A JACKAL!

MY HATE FOR HIM COST ME MY HONOR ...MY SOUL
HOW DREADFUL FOR YOU!

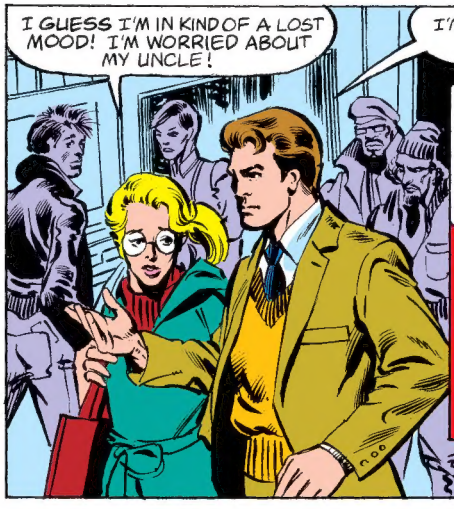

AND NOW YOU HAVE REGAINED YOUR SOUL?
ALMOST, DEAR WOMAN!
THE MEMORY OF YOUR LAST HUMILIATION AT HIS HANDS-- THIS DOES NOT RANKLE?

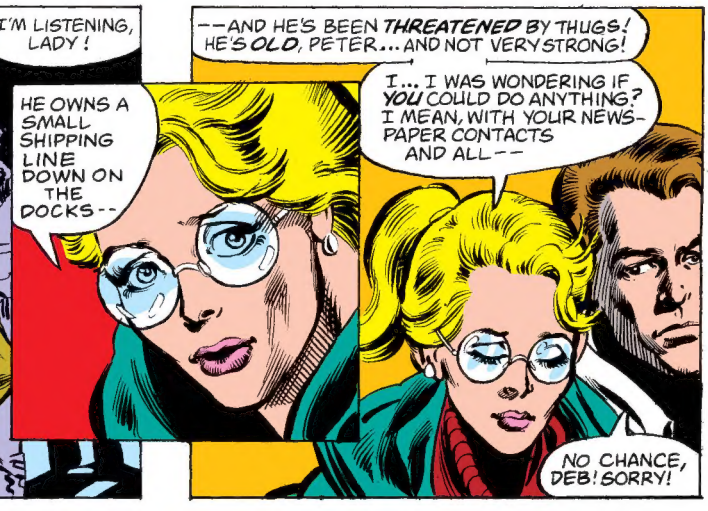

YES... BUT WHAT RANKLES MORE IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I USED AN INNOCENT TIGRA-- IN MY WAR WITH THE ARACHNID--
--AND STILL HE DEFEATED ME!
BUT WE MUST NOT DWELL ON OLD PAINS.*
* SEE MARVEL TEAM-UP # 67 - AL.

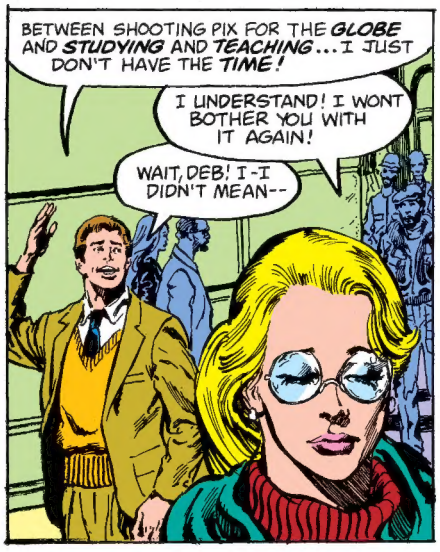
WE HAVE A SHIPMENT OF ANIMALS TO DELIVER! WE MUST PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY TO NEW YORK!
YES! PERHAPS THINGS WILL BE BETTER FOR YOU THERE!

AT THAT MOMENT, PETER PARKER AND DEBRA WHITMAN ARE ENJOYING THE SUMMER SIGHTS OF MANHATTAN'S COLORFUL SOHO DISTRICT!
ENJOYING? WELL...
LIGHTEN UP, DEB--

--YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOST BOTH YOUR CASH AND YOUR AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD!
SORRY, PETER!


I GUESS I'M IN KIND OF A LOST MOOD! I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY UNCLE!
I'M LISTENING, LADY!


HE OWNS A SMALL SHIPPING LINE DOWN ON THE DOCKS--
--AND HE'S BEEN THREATENED BY THUGS! HE'S OLD, PETER... AND NOT VERY STRONG!
I... I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD DO ANYTHING? I MEAN, WITH YOUR NEWSPAPER CONTACTS AND ALL--
NO CHANCE, DEB! SORRY!


BETWEEN SHOOTING PIX FOR THE GLOBE AND STUDYING AND TEACHING... I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME!
I UNDERSTAND! I WONT BOTHER YOU WITH IT AGAIN!
WAIT, DEB! I-I DIDN'T MEAN--

NUTS! SHE WITHERED LIKE THE PROVERBIAL PETUNIA IN THE ONION PATCH!
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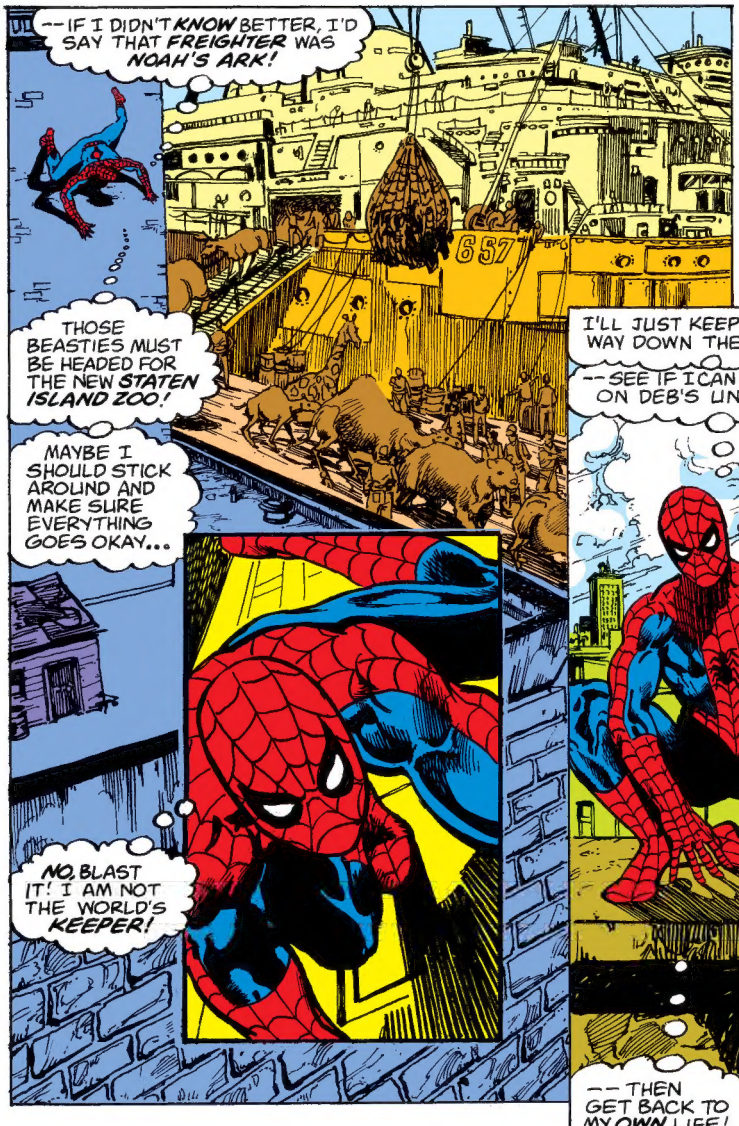
SO IT WON'T KILL YOUR SOFT-HEARTED SPIDER-MAN TO CHECK OUT HER UNCLE'S ACTION--
IT'LL JUST PLAY HECK WITH PETER PARKER'S SCHEDULE!
I GUESS I DON'T REALLY NEED TO SLEEP!
LOOK AT THAT--


--IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY THAT FREIGHTER WAS NOAH'S ARK!
THOSE BEASTIES MUST BE HEADED FOR THE NEW STATEN ISLAND ZOO!
MAYBE I SHOULD STICK AROUND AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING GOES OKAY...
NO, BLAST IT! I AM NOT THE WORLD'S KEEPER!
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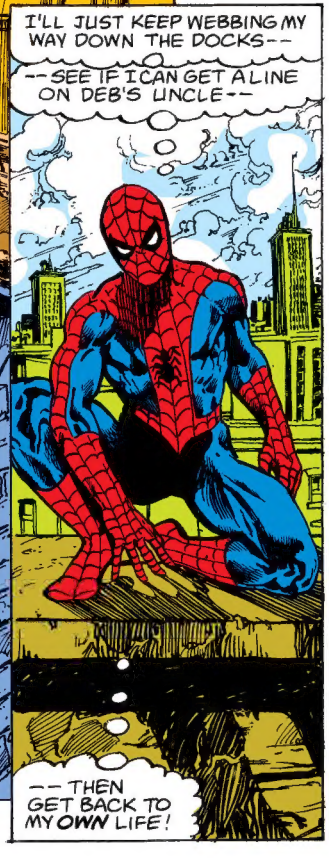

I'LL JUST KEEP WEBBING MY WAY DOWN THE DOCKS--
--SEE IF I CAN GET A LINE ON DEB'S UNCLE--
--THEN GET BACK TO MY OWN LIFE!

HOWEVER, RESTLESS EYES HAVE SEEN THE WEB-SLINGER--FOR A DISGUISED KRAVEN IS ON THE PIER BELOW. HIS HEART BEATS FASTER--
--AS DOES CALYPSO'S!

GAZING AT THE RED-AND-BLUE FIGURE, KRAVEN MURMURS, "COULD HE POSSIBLY KNOW WE'VE ENTERED THE COUNTRY? COULD HE BE ON HIS WAY TO NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES?"
NO, THAT WOULD NOT BE HIS STYLE, CALYPSO--
calypso?
BUT THE WOMAN DOES NOT HEAR, FOR SHE IS ELSEWHERE, OPENING A LOCK ON A CERTAIN CAGE...
BY FREEING THE ANIMALS--
--I CAN FORCE KRAVEN TO RETURN TO HIS NATURAL GREATNESS! I CAN GIVE HIM BACK HIMSELF!
WITHIN A MINUTE--
THE ANIMALS ARE OUT OF THEIR CAGES... STAMPEDING!
RUN!!
NEARBY, THE CRY IS HEARD--
THE BEASTS ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY! I MUST HELP...AND MY DISGUISE WOULD ONLY IMPEDE ME!
BUT IF YOU ARE SEEN, YOU WILL BE ARRESTED!
IT IS A RISK I MUST TAKE!
GIT 'IM OFF ME... PLEASE...

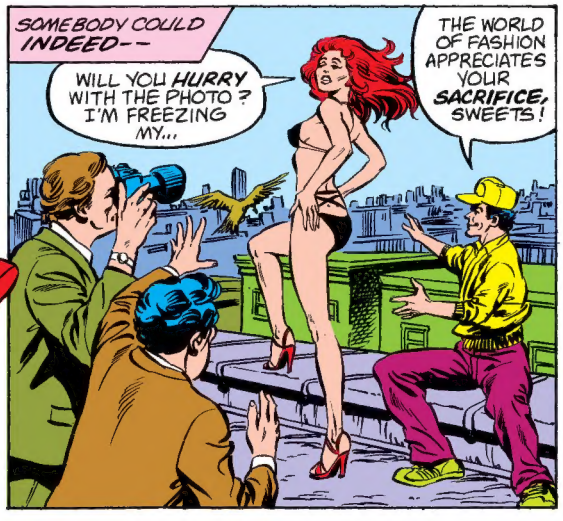
I AM NO MATCH FOR A GORILLA'S SHEER STRENGTH--
--BUT I KNOW OF A NERVE IN HIS SKULL!
I APPLY THE CORRECT PRESSURE--

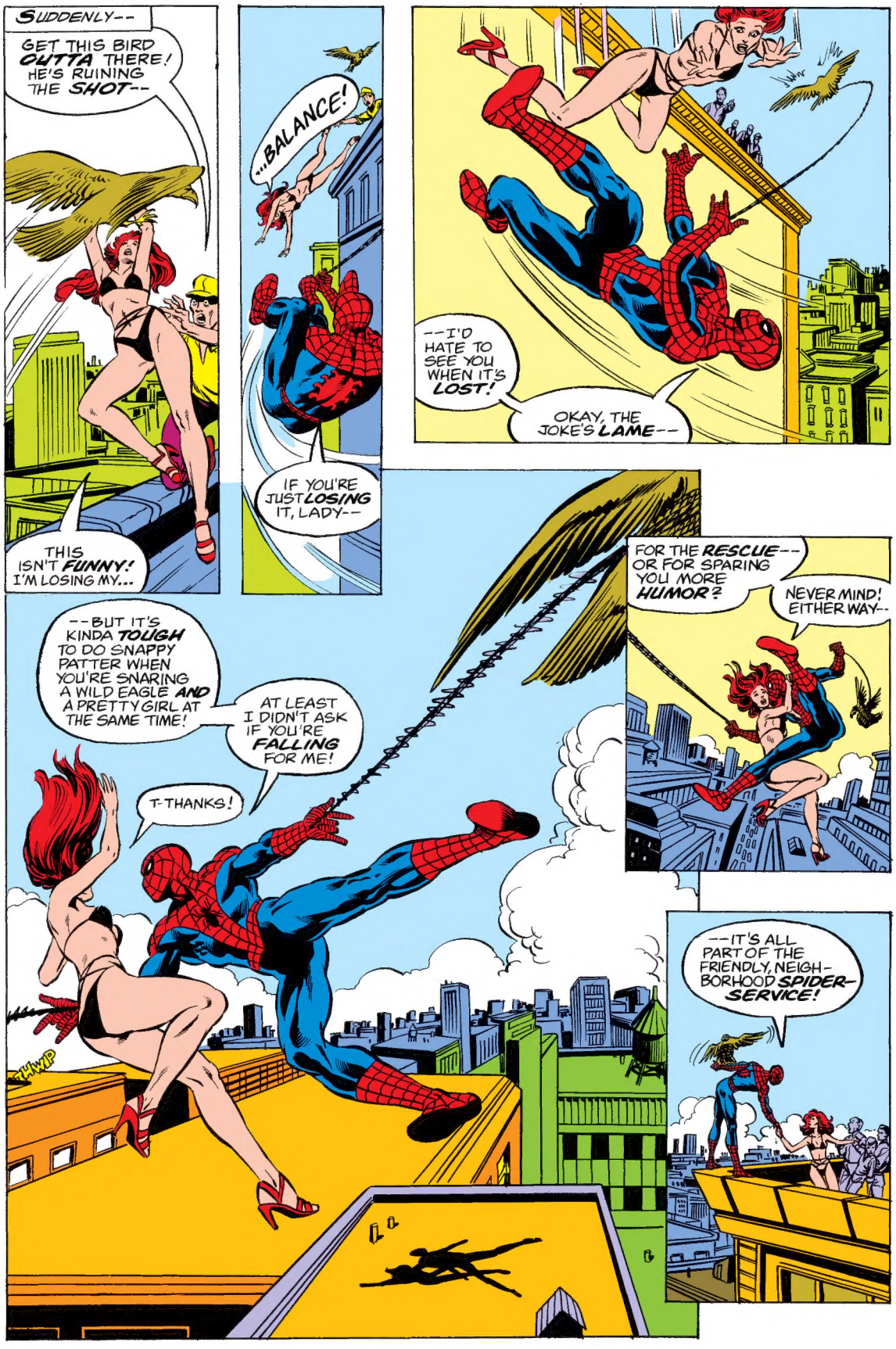
--AND HE WILL SLEEP UNTIL HE CAN BE RECAGED!
I ALWAYS HEARD KRAVEN WAS A BAD GUY!
WAIT'LL I TELL THE WIFE.

A BLOCK AWAY...
THERE'S AN UNHOLY RUCKUS COMING FROM BACK UP THE PIER! I SHOULDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION--
--BUT BEING THE SOFT-HEADED WEBBER THAT I AM--

--I WILL!
SHEESH! SOMEBODY'S CANARY TOOK GROWTH HORMONES!
BE CAREFUL! THAT'S YER BASIC VICIOUS EAGLE--
--HE'LL RIP YER GUTS OUT!

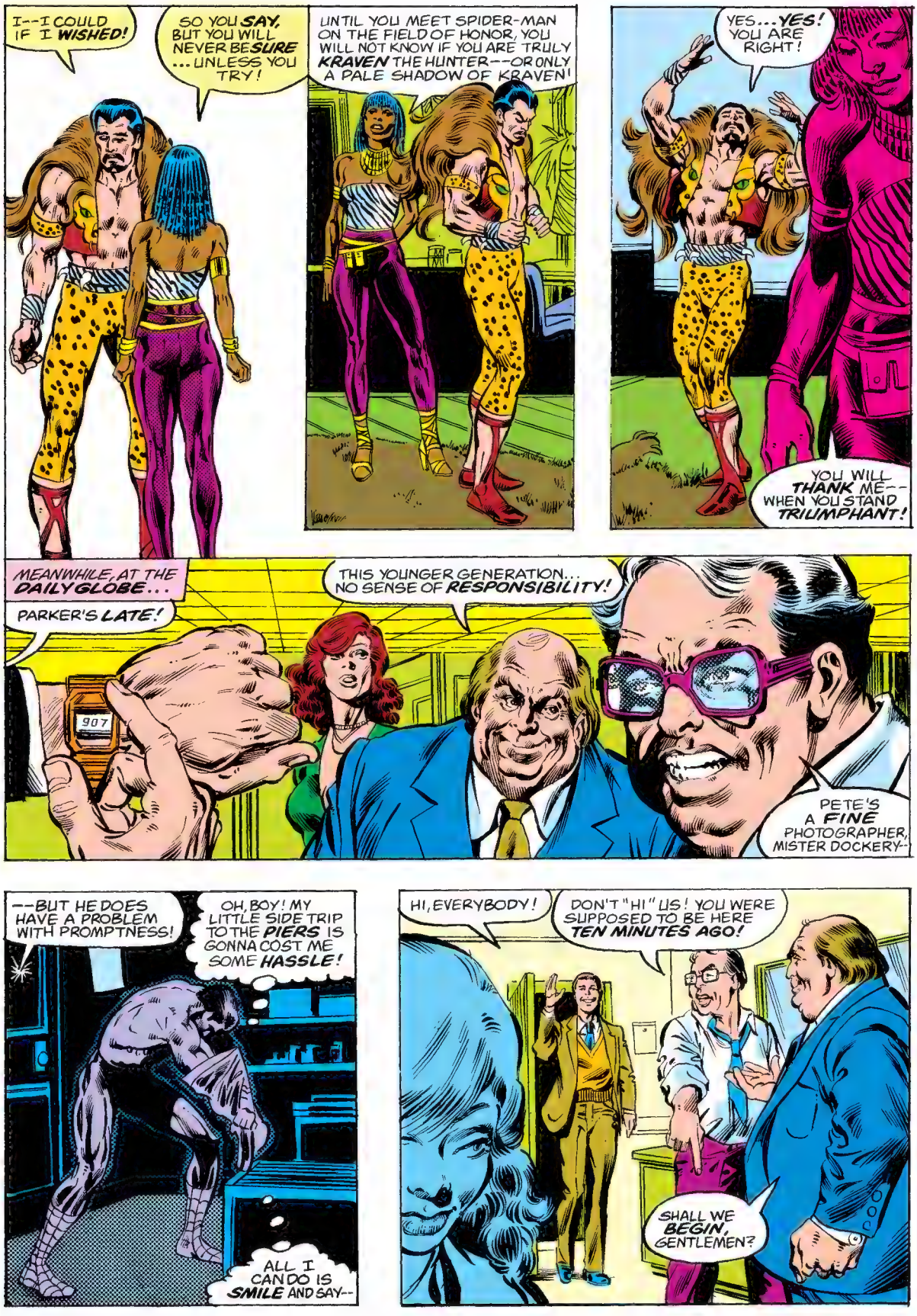
I CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF IT...AND I'VE GOT TO CATCH IT BEFORE IT CLEARS THE SKYLINE--
--OR SOMEBODY COULD GET HURT...BAD!


SOMEBODY COULD INDEED--
WILL YOU HURRY WITH THE PHOTO? I'M FREEZING MY...
THE WORLD OF FASHION APPRECIATES YOUR SACRIFICE, SWEETS!


SUDDENLY--
GET THIS BIRD OUTTA THERE! HE'S RUINING THE SHOT--
THIS ISN'T FUNNY! I'M LOSING MY...
...BALANCE!
IF YOU'RE JUST LOSING IT, LADY--
--I'D HATE TO SEE YOU WHEN IT'S LOST!
OKAY, THE JOKE'S LAME--
--BUT IT'S KINDA TOUGH TO DO SNAPPY PATTER WHEN YOU'RE SNARING A WILD EAGLE AND A PRETTY GIRL AT THE SAME TIME!
AT LEAST I DIDN'T ASK IF YOU'RE FALLING FOR ME!
T-THANKS!
FOR THE RESCUE-- OR FOR SPARING YOU MORE HUMOR?
NEVER MIND! EITHER WAY--
--IT'S ALL PART OF THE FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-SERVICE!
YIWIP

ELSEWHERE, THE MAN KNOWN AS KRAVEN DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN UNIQUE GREATNESS...
... MOVING SWIFTLY, SILENTLY AND, ABOVE ALL, CALMLY!
NO JUNGLE CAT WAS EVER MORE CERTAIN OF IT'S INTENT--
--AND WITHIN MINUTES HIS TASK IS FINISHED!
THEN--
HERE IS THE LAST OF THEM!
YEAH! JUST SLING IT IN THE HOLD WITH THE REST--
NO! I MIGHT CONSIDER SLINGING YOU, MY FRIEND--
BUT THE ANIMALS I RESPECT!
I SUGGEST YOU DO LIKEWISE!
BETTER LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS, MISTER!
I PRESUME THIS FEATHERY SPECIMEN BELONGS WITH YOUR MINI-ZOO!

I WOULD HAVE FIGURED THAT KRAVEN WAS RE-SPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED!
BUT I SAW HIM HELPING!
ANYWAY, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS! HE ISN'T DOING ANTHING TO ME--
NOT YET HE ISN'T...
I TELL YOU, I SAW THE SPIDER-MAN OPEN THOSE CAGES!
I FIND THAT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE!
HE IS NOT AN IGNOMINIOUS FOE!
LISTEN, YOU THINK I'M LYING TO YOU?
I KNOW WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE ME--
--YOU'RE AFRAID!
THE MIGHTY KRAVEN THE HUNTER IS--
--A COWARD!
WHAP!
YOU... DARE?!
I COULD CRUSH YOU, WOMAN--!
YES YOU COULD!
BUT COULD YOU CRUSH HIM... SPIDER-MAN?


I--I COULD IF I WISHED!
SO YOU SAY, BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE SURE ... UNLESS YOU TRY!
UNTIL YOU MEET SPIDER-MAN ON THE FIELD OF HONOR, YOU WILL NOT KNOW IF YOU ARE TRULY KRAVEN THE HUNTER--OR ONLY A PALE SHADOW OF KRAVEN!
YES... YES! YOU ARE RIGHT!
YOU WILL THANK ME-- WHEN YOU STAND TRIUMPHANT!
MEANWHILE, AT THE DAILY GLOBE...
PARKER'S LATE!
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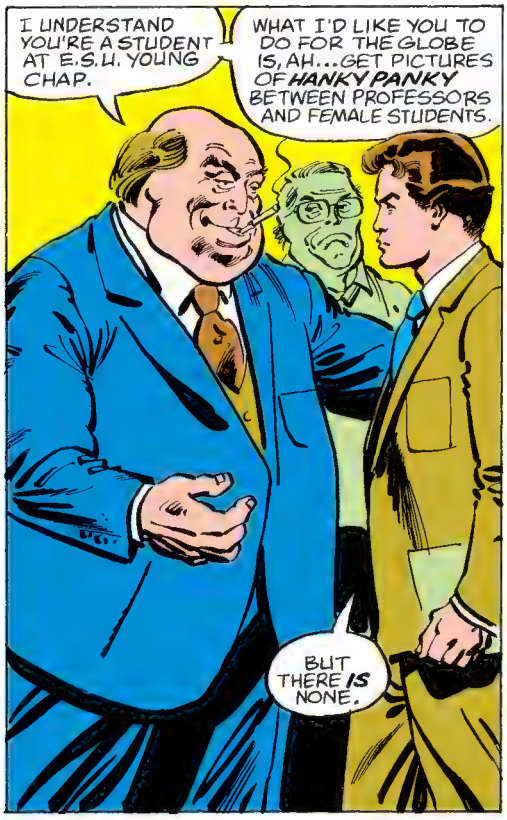
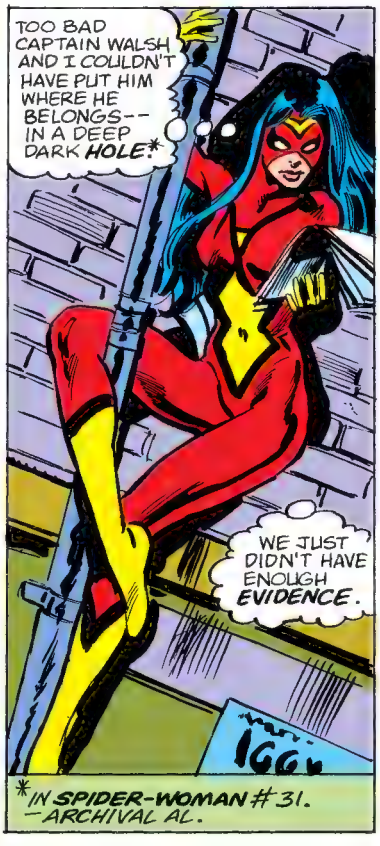
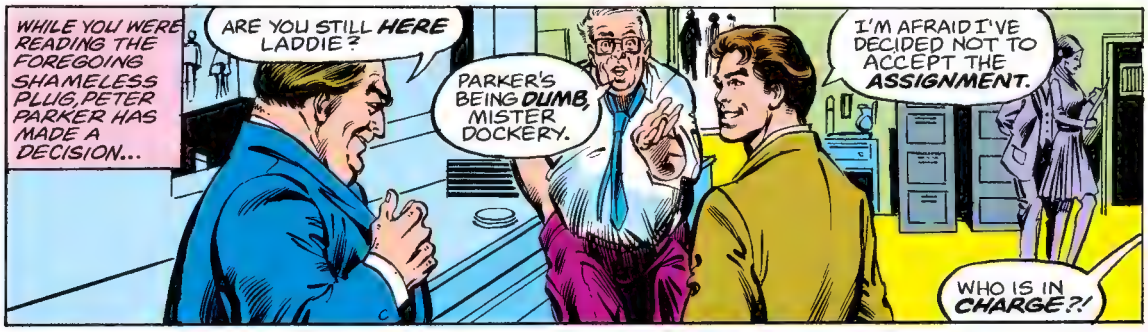
THIS YOUNGER GENERATION... NO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY!
PETE'S A FINE PHOTOGRAPHER, MISTER DOCKERY--
--BUT HE DOES HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PROMPTNESS!
OH, BOY! MY LITTLE SIDE TRIP TO THE PIERS IS GONNA COST ME SOME HASSLE!
ALL I CAN DO IS SMILE AND SAY--
HI, EVERYBODY!
DON'T "HI" US! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TEN MINUTES AGO!
SHALL WE BEGIN, GENTLEMEN?





*IN SPIDER-WOMAN #31. —ARCHIVAL AL.

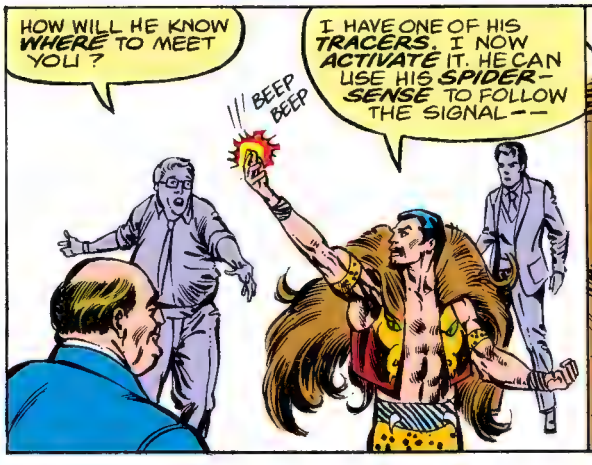
IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING, THE FOREGOING VIGNETTE FEATURED SPIDER-WOMAN, WHO APPEARS MONTHLY IN HER OWN MAGAZINE...


WHILE YOU WERE READING THE FOREGOING SHAMELESS PLUG, PETER PARKER HAS MADE A DECISION...
ARE YOU STILL HERE LADDIE?
PARKER'S BEING DUMB, MISTER DOCKERY.
I'M AFRAID I'VE DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT.
WHO IS IN CHARGE?!

--I, KRAVEN THE HUNTER, HAVE A CHALLENGE TO ISSUE.
I CAN GUESS WHO HE'S GONNA ISSUE IT TO--AND IT'S NOT MUHAMMAD ALI.

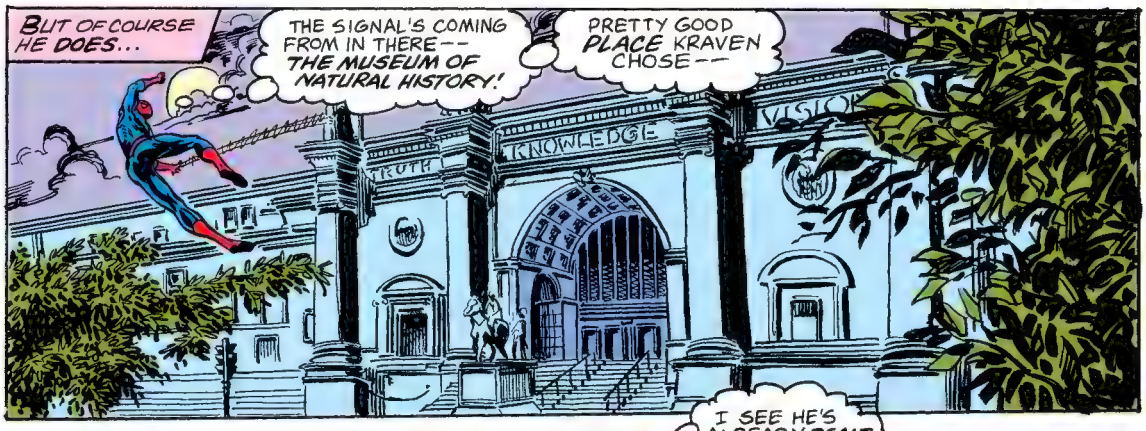
PRINT ON YOUR FRONT PAGE THAT I DEMAND A FIGHT WITH SPIDER-MAN--A FIGHT TO THE DEATH!
Y-YESSIR... FRONT PAGE.

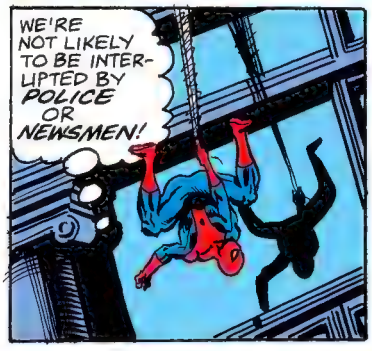
THE ENMITY BETWEEN US MUST BE SETTLED... FOREVER. LET HIM COME TO ME AT MIDNIGHT--
--LET HIM COME... OR BE KNOWN AS COWARD!


HOW WILL HE KNOW WHERE TO MEET YOU?
BEEP BEEP
I HAVE ONE OF HIS TRACERS. I NOW ACTIVATE IT. HE CAN USE HIS SPIDER-SENSE TO FOLLOW THE SIGNAL--

--TO WHERE I WILL BE WAITING!

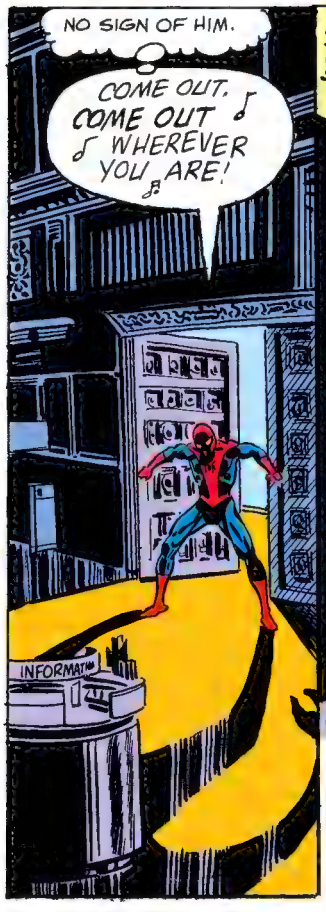
OF COURSE, I DON'T HAVE TO GO.


BUT OF COURSE HE DOES...
THE SIGNAL'S COMING FROM IN THERE -- THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY!
PRETTY GOOD PLACE KRAVEN CHOSE --
TRUTH
KNOWLEDGE
VISTOR


WE'RE NOT LIKELY TO BE INTERLIPTED BY POLICE OR NEWSMEN!

I SEE HE'S ALREADY DEALT WITH THE MUSEUM GUARDS.

KRAVEN DOESN'T WANT ANY SPECTATORS AT ALL! MAYBE HE'S GROWING HUMBLE IN HIS OLD AGE.


NO SIGN OF HIM.
COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE!
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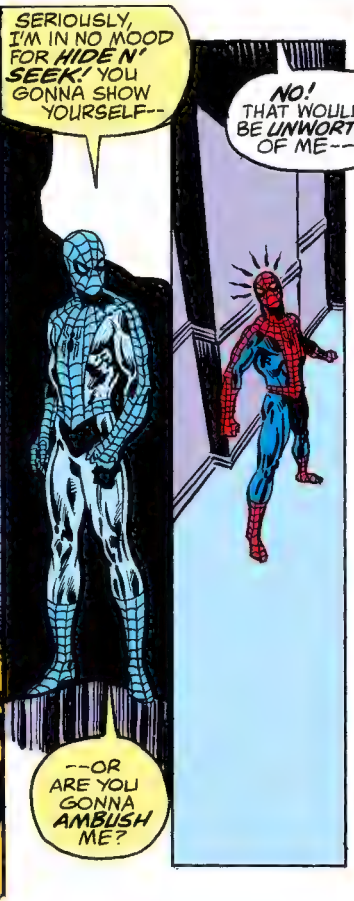
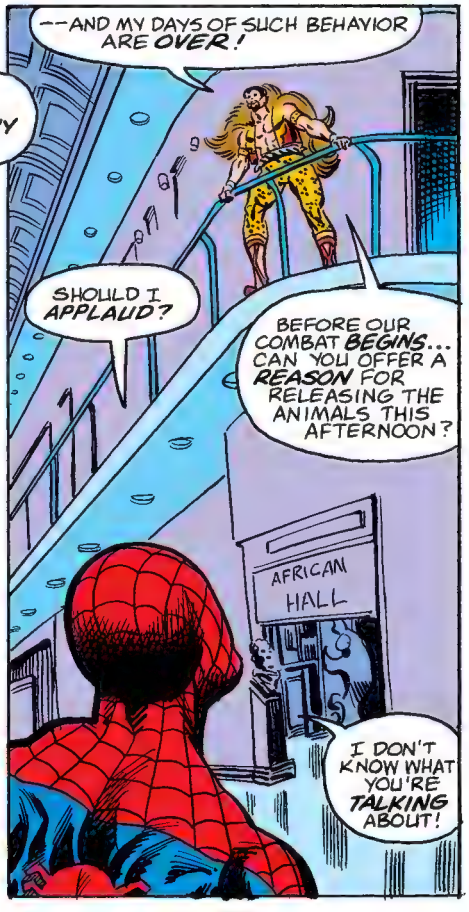
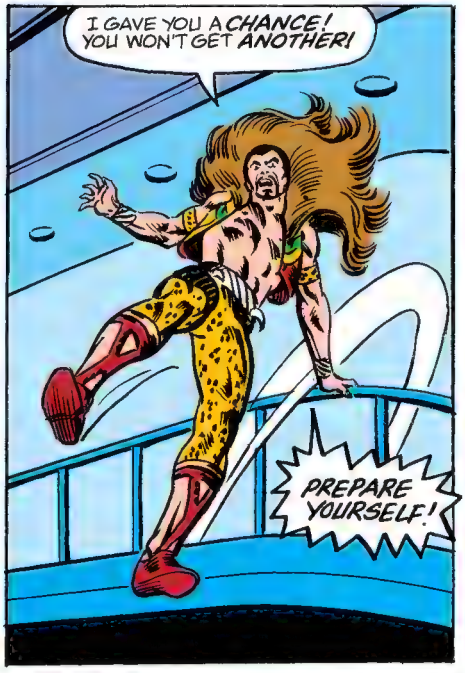

SERIOUSLY, I'M IN NO MOOD FOR HIDE N' SEEK! YOU GONNA SHOW YOURSELF--
--OR ARE YOU GONNA AMBUSH ME?
NO! THAT WOULD BE UNWORTHY OF ME--

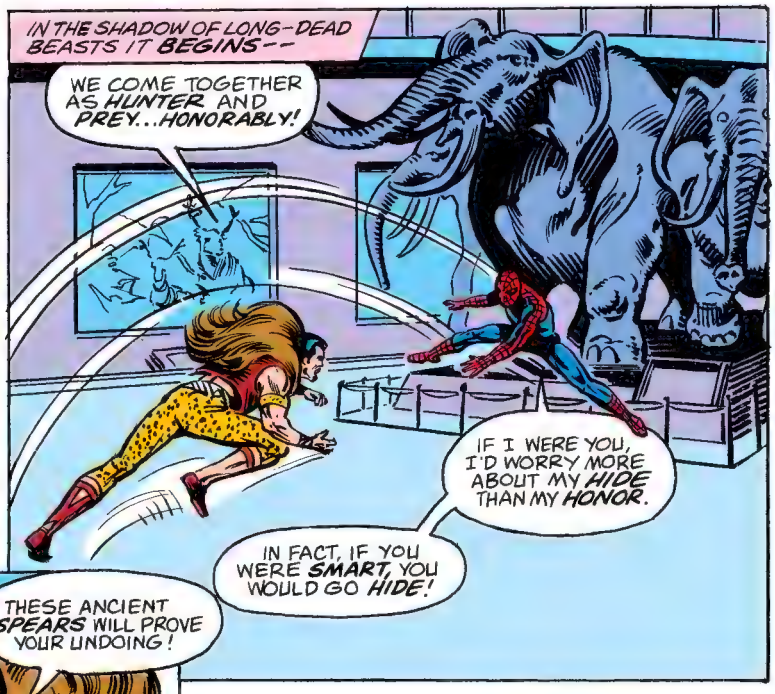

--AND MY DAYS OF SUCH BEHAVIOR ARE OVER!
SHOULD I APPLAUD?
BEFORE OUR COMBAT BEGINS... CAN YOU OFFER A REASON FOR RELEASING THE ANIMALS THIS AFTERNOON?
AFRICAN HALL
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

YOU DENY THAT YOU OWE ME AN EXPLANATION?
MISTER, I DON'T OWE YOU ZIP--

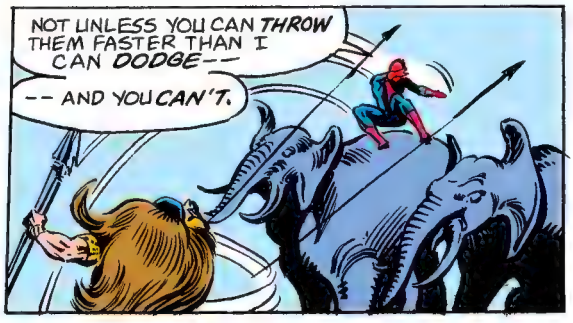
--BECAUSE TO ME, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A LOT OF MOUTH!
I'M SICK OF ALL YOUR STRUTTING AND BLABBING!


I GAVE YOU A CHANCE! YOU WON'T GET ANOTHER!
PREPARE YOURSELF!

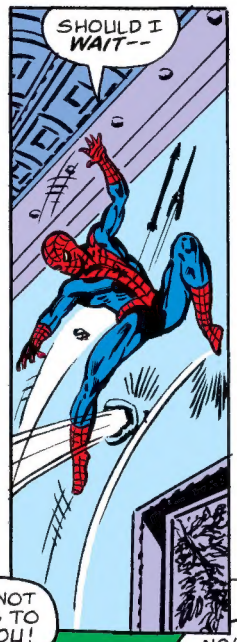
AND, IN THE NEARBY DARKNESS...
THIS... IS MY KRAVEN... FIERCE-- FEROCIOUS! FILLED WITH THE JOY OF THE KILL--
-- A JOY I SHARE!


IN THE SHADOW OF LONG-DEAD BEASTS IT BEGINS--
WE COME TOGETHER AS HUNTER AND PREY...HONORABLY!
IF I WERE YOU, I'D WORRY MORE ABOUT MY HIDE THAN MY HONOR.
IN FACT, IF YOU WERE SMART, YOU WOULD GO HIDE!

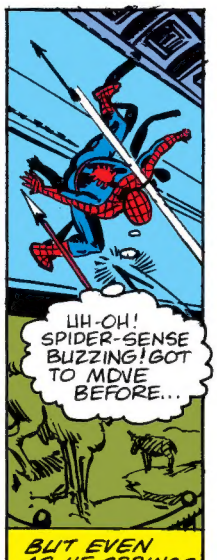
THESE ANCIENT SPEARS WILL PROVE YOUR UNDOING!

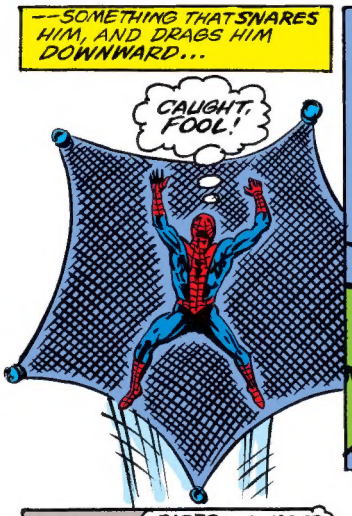

NOT UNLESS YOU CAN THROW THEM FASTER THAN I CAN DODGE--
-- AND YOU CAN'T.

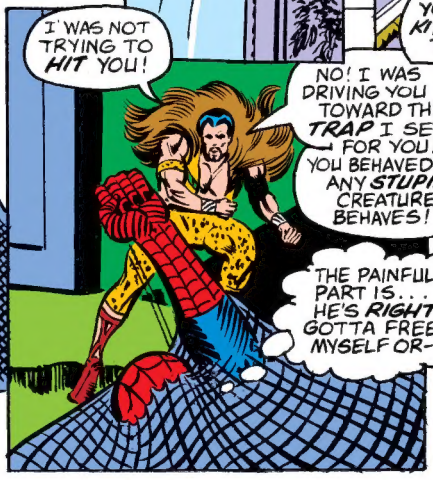
SURELY, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN MY SPIDEY-SPEED--
--AND I'M NO SLOUCH IN THE AGILITY DEPARTMENT, EITHER.


SHOULD I WAIT--

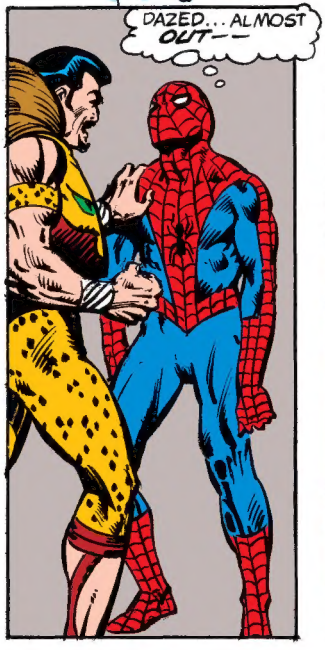
--TILL YOU FIND A KITCHEN SINK TO THROW?


UH-OH! SPIDER-SENSE BUZZING! GOT TO MOVE BEFORE...


--SOMETHING THAT SNARES HIM, AND DRAGS HIM DOWNWARD...
CAUGHT, FOOL!


I WAS NOT TRYING TO HIT YOU!
NO! I WAS DRIVING YOU TOWARD THE TRAP I SET FOR YOU! YOU BEHAVED LIKE ANY STUPID CREATURE BEHAVES!
THE PAINFUL PART IS... HE'S RIGHT! GOTTA FREE MYSELF OR--

BUT EVEN AS HE SPRINGS FROM THE WALL, SOMETHING DROPS FROM THE CEILING--
UNNGH!
NOW, YOU CANNOT AVOID MY DEADLY NERVE-GRIP!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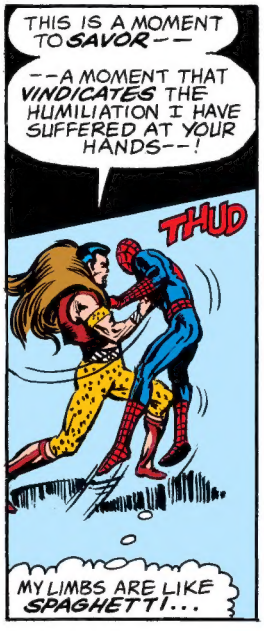
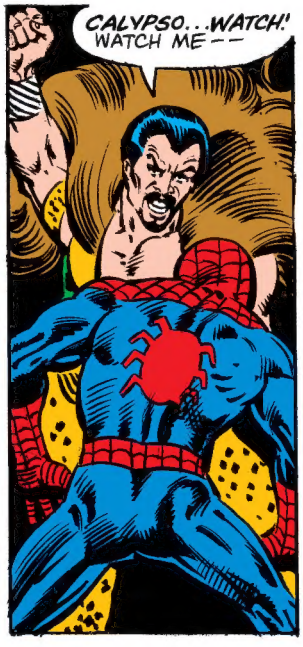
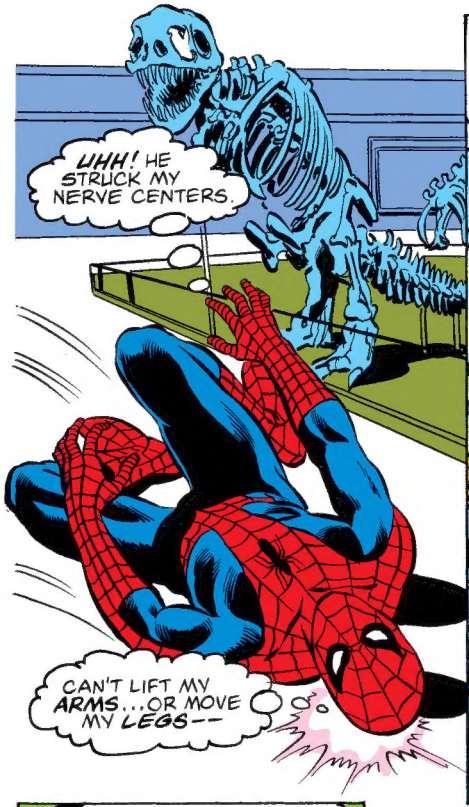
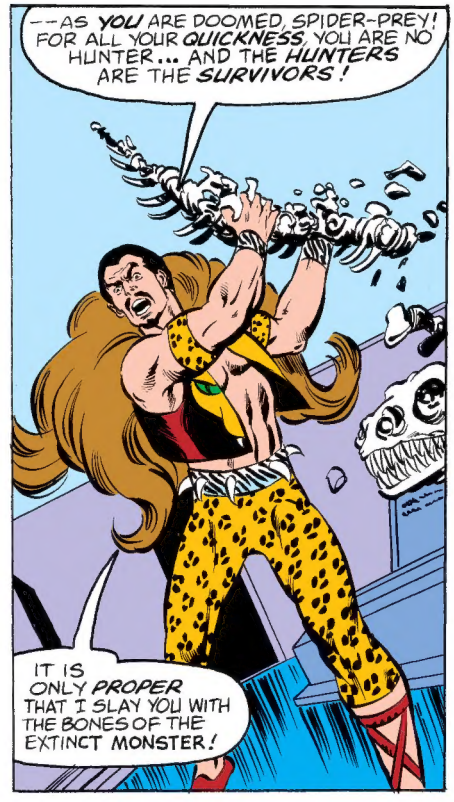

THIS IS A MOMENT TO SAVOR--
--A MOMENT THAT VINDICATES THE HUMILIATION I HAVE SUFFERED AT YOUR HANDS--!
THUD
MY LIMBS ARE LIKE SPAGHETTI...


CALYPSO...WATCH! WATCH ME--

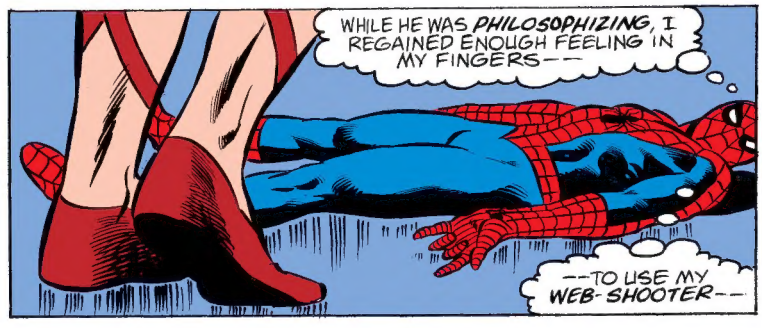
--AS I TRIUMPH!

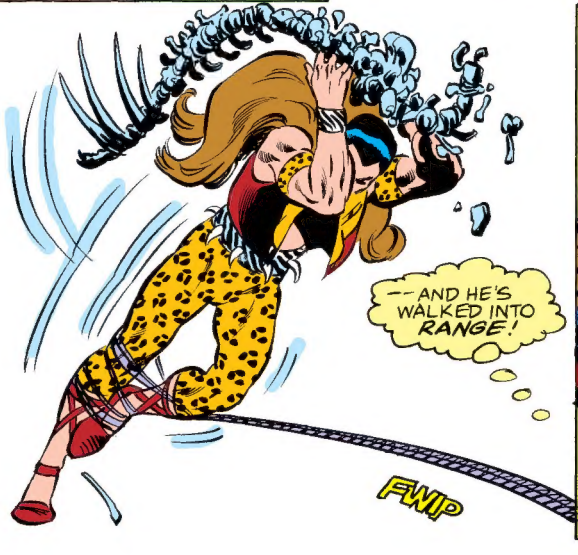

UHH! HE STRUCK MY NERVE CENTERS.
CAN'T LIFT MY ARMS...OR MOVE MY LEGS--

MAN DOES NOT HUNT FOR FOOD! MAN HUNTS TO PROVE HIS SUPERIORITY--
--TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS NOT DOOMED AS THIS DINOSAUR WAS DOOMED--


--AS YOU ARE DOOMED, SPIDER-PREY! FOR ALL YOUR QUICKNESS, YOU ARE NO HUNTER... AND THE HUNTERS ARE THE SURVIVORS!
IT IS ONLY PROPER THAT I SLAY YOU WITH THE BONES OF THE EXTINCT MONSTER!

YOU AND IT HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON--
--YOU WERE BORN VICTIMS!


WHILE HE WAS PHILOSOPHIZING, I REGAINED ENOUGH FEELING IN MY FINGERS--
--TO USE MY WEB-SHOOTER--


--AND HE'S WALKED INTO RANGE!
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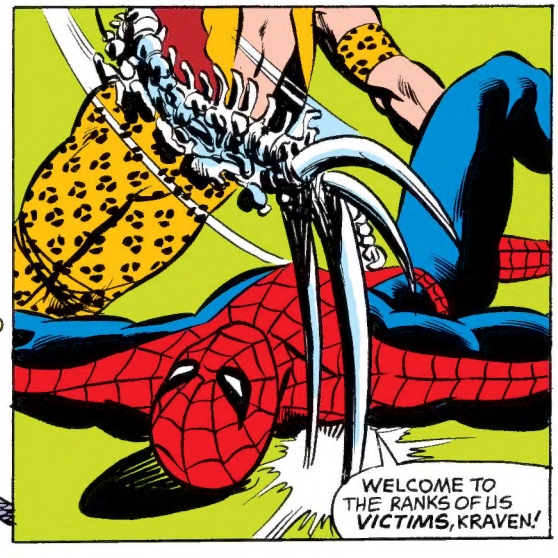
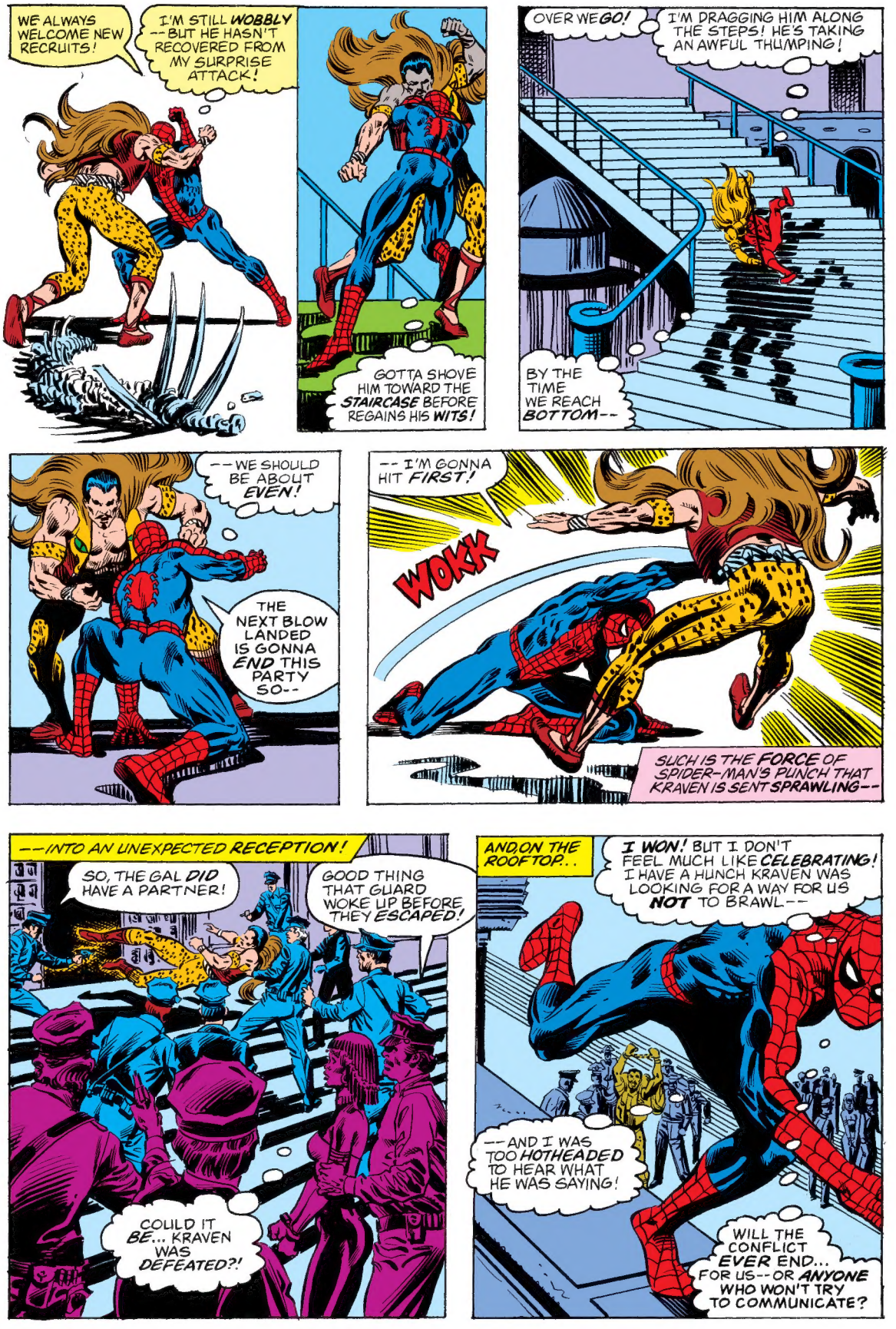

WELCOME TO THE RANKS OF US VICTIMS, KRAVEN!


WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW RECRUITS!
I'M STILL WOBBLY --BUT HE HASN'T RECOVERED FROM MY SURPRISE ATTACK!
GOTTA SHOVE HIM TOWARD THE STAIRCASE BEFORE REGAINS HIS WITS!
OVER WE GO!
I'M DRAGGING HIM ALONG THE STEPS! HE'S TAKING AN AWFUL THUMPING!
BY THE TIME WE REACH BOTTOM--
--WE SHOULD BE ABOUT EVEN!
THE NEXT BLOW LANDED IS GONNA END THIS PARTY SO--
-- I'M GONNA HIT FIRST!
WOKK
SUCH IS THE FORCE OF SPIDER-MAN'S PUNCH THAT KRAVEN IS SENT SPRAWLING--
--INTO AN UNEXPECTED RECEPTION!
SO, THE GAL DID HAVE A PARTNER!
GOOD THING THAT GUARD WOKE UP BEFORE THEY ESCAPED!
COULD IT BE... KRAVEN WAS DEFEATED?!
AND, ON THE ROOFTOP...
I WON! BUT I DON'T FEEL MUCH LIKE CELEBRATING! I HAVE A HUNCH KRAVEN WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY FOR US NOT TO BRAWL--
--AND I WAS TOO HOTHEADED TO HEAR WHAT HE WAS SAYING!
WILL THE CONFLICT EVER END... FOR US--OR ANYONE WHO WON'T TRY TO COMMUNICATE?

Shadowcat